



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Baptism of the Lord • January 12, 2020

8:15 AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

We Prepare for God's Word

PRELUDE

Cantabile, Op. 38

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

O God, some of us are discouraged and long for Your embrace.

Wash us with Your love.

Some of us are weary, weighted down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with Your hope.

Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with Your peace.

Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.

Wash us with Your grace.

In whatever way we come into Your presence, pour out Your Spirit upon us.

As we come to the waters of baptism, we come to worship You!

Let us pray:

Creator God, our soul's delight,

Your voice thunders over the waters,

liberating the future from the past.

In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth,

Jesus was declared Your blessed and beloved Son;

may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One. Amen.

***HYMN 142**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

* The congregation may stand.

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, You claim us as beloved children and call us to follow You,
but we do not always live out this calling.
We stifle the gifts You have given us
rather than use them for Your glory.
We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness
rather than showing love to our neighbors.
We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world
and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel.
Forgive us, Lord.
Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by Your grace,
so that our words may further righteousness
and our deeds be pleasing in Your sight.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

We Listen for God’s Word

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Craig Matthews

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43

***HYMN 454**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

SERMON

No Favorites

Rev. Marc Oehler

We Respond to God’s Word

***RESPONSE OF FAITH**

Romans 2:9-11

There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil,
the Jew first and also the Greek,
but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good,
the Jew first and also the Greek.
For God shows no partiality.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN 412**

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

FOREST GREEN

***COMMUNION**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

9:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING SONGS

Who You Say I Am, Build My Life, No Outsiders

Children leave to join their Sunday School small groups after the first song.

BIDDING PRAYER

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*CLOSING SONG

Come As You Are

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*BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

8:00 am - Infants and Toddlers - Room 202

9:00 am & 10:15 am - Sunday School for Grades K to 7 - Rooms 206, 306, 311, 312 and Serenity Room

9:00 am - The Gospel of Luke - Conference Room

9:45 am - Centering Prayer - Serenity Room

11:15 am - Prayer Circle - Pulsifer Chapel

11:30 am - Sermon Talk Back - Pulsifer Chapel

6:00 pm - FOCUS - Barn

6:00 pm - High School Choir - Large Choir Room

7:00 pm - High School BARN - Barn

10:15 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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Musette

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

Healey Willan

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee; alleluia!
O praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people!
For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the LORD endureth forever; alleluia!
Isaiah 60:1; Psalm 117

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

We Respond to God's Call

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FOREST GREEN

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Maestoso, from *A Song of Thanksgiving* Ralph Vaughan Williams

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Estate Planning for Your Heart

92% of people say talking with loved ones about end-of-life care is important. Yet only 32% have actually done so. At a hands-on workshop **TODAY at 11:30 am** in DePhillips Hall, we will give you the tools you need to have a conversation with your family about your wishes for end-of-life care. Just one conversation can make it easier to make decisions when the time comes *and bring you closer to the people you love.*

Advent/Christmas Campaign Update

Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our \$25,000 goal and will be able to give a \$30,000 gift to Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children. By changing the lives of mothers through education and employment, Oasis is changing the lives of entire families in Paterson. Thank you so much for being part of that change...and for helping West Side share the love and light of Christ in our neighborhood.



Third Thursday Men's Group

The guys are getting together at Jeff Cheesman's home on **January 16 at 7:30 pm** for an evening of food, fellowship and meaningful conversation around a spiritual topic. Please RSVP to Anne Lee (alee@westside.org) by January 13 if you would like to join the fun.

MLK Celebration in Ridgewood

Celebrate the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, **January 20** at Ridgewood United Methodist Church on Dayton Street. The 38th annual event, which begins at 10:00 am, will include an interfaith worship service, a rally in Van Neste Square and a fellowship lunch at the church.



Spiritual Writing Workshop

Everyone has a unique path in life. Are you following yours? We'll explore this question on **January 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** in a free workshop led by Sandra Miller, author of *Trove: A Woman's Search for Truth and Buried Treasure*. We'll use writing and reflective exercises designed to explore and start our own journeys. Whether you are just beginning your journey, not sure how to start or need guidance along the way, this half-day workshop will help you discover your unique purpose and joyfully step onto your path. Cost for lunch: \$10. Please RSVP to Pastor Liz (ljunod@westside.org).

The Tononi Trio

The West Side Concert Series kicks off 2020 with the Tononi Trio, a musical fixture in Northern New Jersey, on **January 26 at 3:00 pm**. Come hear pianist Ron Levy, violinist Laura Hamilton and cellist Lanny Paykin perform trios by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Brahms. **Ron Levy** has been called "first class" by *The New York Times* and regularly appears as a soloist and in partnership with many of the world's leading singers and instrumentalists. **Laura Hamilton** spent more than three decades as principal associate concertmaster of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. And **Lanny Paykin** maintains a diverse career in the New York City area, performing with many orchestras, on Broadway, in recording studios, and in solo and chamber music concerts. Admission to the concert is free; donations are appreciated. Join us!

Family Square Dance and Chili Cook-Off

Break out your ten gallon hat and cowboy boots and kick up your heels at our Family Square Dance and (first ever!) Chili Cook-Off on **February 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** in DePhillips Hall. All ages (toddlers to seniors) are invited. Come out and learn the steps from a professional square dance caller—or just sit back and listen to the music. No experience required. The only requirement is to have a good time! Suggested donation: a canned good for a family in need or a homeless pet. *Note: If you'd like to participate in the Chili Cook-Off, please email Pastor Penny (phogan@westside.org).*

Annual Meeting and Brunch—February 9

What exactly is included in the 2020 budget? How are we doing financially? What is WestSideStory 2.0? Find out the answers to these questions and more at our annual meeting and brunch (hosted by the Men's Ministry) in DePhillips Hall on **February 9** following our ONE SERVICE at 10:15 am. Be sure to bring the kids!

Tuesdays with Marc

Pastor Marc's group of early risers will begin discussing a new book on **February 11 at 7:30 am** in the Pulsifer Chapel—*Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus* by Christian activist Jim Wallis. The author argues that our cultural and political crisis largely stems from how the American church has become disconnected from the teachings of Jesus Christ. Pick up a copy of the book in the Narthex for \$25 and join the discussion.

New Jersey Devils Faith and Family Night

We're heading to the Prudential Center in Newark to watch the New Jersey Devils face off against the Columbus Blue Jackets on Sunday, **February 16 at 6:00 pm**. The \$50 ticket price (lower concourse) includes a group photo on the ice after the game and a promotional item. Please RSVP to Gib Warren (gmwr5@gmail.com).

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME VISITING?

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. We look forward to helping you connect with others, grow more deeply in your faith and enrich your own life by serving others. Wherever you are on life's journey, there's a place for you at West Side.

Please stop by the visitor table located just inside the front doors, fill out a Let's Connect card and pick up a visitor bag. And please stay after worship to enjoy coffee/tea and refreshments in the Narthex and meet our members and ministers:

Rev. Marc Oehler, pastor, moehler@westside.org

Rev. Penny Hogan, associate pastor, phogan@westside.org

Rev. Liz Junod, pastoral associate, ljunod@westside.org

Deborah Holden-Holloway, minister of music, dholden-holloway@westside.org

Erik Eickhoff, associate minister of music, eeickhoff@westside.org

Eric Hufschmid, contemporary music leader, ehufschmid@westside.org

To learn more about our faith community, and to see a complete staff directory, please visit westside.org.

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